

EULOGY

MRS ISABEL LOOYEN - A LOVED ONE WHO HAS PASSED ON

A Loved One who was praised during life for the excellent examples she showed and the way of life and attitude to life that she portrayed to all of us as an example. Having passed on, a Loved One who will be praised and thanked once more.

A person that lived for her family - husband, children, grandchildren and friends.

Her difficult and hard experiences in life were often used as an example, particularly with the children who, when they complained that they did not have enough of anything, Isabel would tell them of her own hardships as a young girl. She lost her father at a young age and she tells of how her mother had to find extra work and how her brother Gert as a young boy had to work in a barber shop to keep the home fires burning. She knew what it was like not to have too much, yet she gave freely to anyone in need. Often she gave too much.

All who had contact with her were always satisfied - both Spiritually and materially.

Isabel met Wes when she was 14 years old. After a courtship of seven years they decided to get married. The year was 1955. Their love for each other was augmented with the arrival of their four children. Isabel having lived through difficult times always said that God should spare her long enough just to see her children grown-up. God Blessed her greatly. The kids grew and married. How can we forget how she enjoyed the marriage of her youngest daughter Verna to Eric. How she stood up for her daughter-in-laws when she thought her sons were over stepping the mark. The grandchildren arrived. How she loved and cared for them, always spoiling them with her "Surprise-Surprises".

Roger, Dawn and children David, Baby and Matthew -
Debbie and children Donovan and Michael -
Allan, Miranda and children Shaun, Alec and Sherise -
Verna and Eric -

you have wonderful memories to treasure and whatever she taught you, must forever linger in your minds and be a guiding light in your way of life.

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Isabel never stopped working. She always found something to do. She always cooked for the unexpected guest, she could not stand to see anyone go hungry. If she was not attending to house chores, she was attending to Mitch the monkey or Popeye the Parrot. She often complained about the pets but she loved them greatly. She even used to baby-sit the kids' dogs - what must I say about our animals.

Yes, we have lost a friend, a true Christian. When in her company - each one of us - whether family, relative, friend, or entire stranger - one was immediately made to feel comfortable and at ease, because her ways were humane. **Humility prevailed at all times.** She lived the Christian way of life by example. We all have a lot to learn from her.

Let it be said that even the animals, the Lords creatures, loved her and felt comfortable with her - let alone we humans.

All who knew her loved her and our memory of her will remain with all of us. Today we say good-bye and we thank God for her life and the person she was.

On behalf of Wes and the family, they wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the many friends and relatives who have supported them.

Special thanks to Gert, Baba and Kokkie who wasted no time in getting to the house to offer support. To Mona, Diane and Sonja who spent most of that day with Wes. To all of you here to-day, your visits, your presence, your touch, your embrace, flowers and above all - your Prayers, are very much appreciated.

The family sincerely thanks Rev. Robinson, the Church Community and Avbob for that which they have done, to bring comfort during this time of bereavement.

Friends, Wes and his Children invite you to a cup of tea at their home at 46 Camborne Road, New Redruth.

I thank you,

May the Lord Bless her Soul.